

June 2019



Play Centers at Padonia International Elementary School

9834 Greenside Drive
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030
410.628.6041 ~ www.playcenters.org



Hours of Operation: 7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. / 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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FROM DIANE MELLOTT, COO/CEO

Happy June to all of our Play Centers, Inc. families!

The end of the school year is right around the corner and we want to express our appreciation to each of you for being part of the Play Centers, Inc. family! Thank you for a great school year and we look forward to seeing you next year! If you are the family of a graduate or will not be with us next year for another reason, we will miss you and we wish your child much success in their new endeavors!

As we continue to work to enhance our programs, we ask for your feedback and that of your child as well. Please take a moment to complete our *Parent Survey* and to assist your child in completing our *Participant Survey*. Both are available through Survey Monkey, via a link. An email containing that link was recently sent to all families for whom we have an email address. If you did not receive the email, please sign-up for email communications (or update your contact information) by clicking on "Contact" on the Home Page of our website (www.playcenters.org). Surveys may also be printed via "How Are We Doing?" on our Home Page. Thank you for your time and for assisting us in this process!

We wish each of you a safe and happy summer, filled with many opportunities for exploration, learning, and, above all, FUN! Enjoy!

2019 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 1 - June 20

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

June 21 - July 31

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Beginning August 1

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Closed July 4, in observance of Independence Day

FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Happy Father's Day!

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School's Out
Fun in the Sun

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

🎁 Benjamin

FROM ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (AR)

Questions about your account? Please contact
our AR Coordinator, at 410.296.4880, ext. 106.

Questions about Subsidy? Please contact
Kari Thomas, Subsidy Specialist, at 410.296.4880, ext. 111.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, June 14

Half Day of School - Early Dismissal
Play Centers will be OPEN
until 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 17

Half Day of School - Early Dismissal
After School Programs
WILL NOT OPERATE!
Enjoy your summer!

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∞ PARENTS' CORNER ∞

74 Creative Ways to Stop Summer Brain Drain

(An Excerpt by: MindShift)



READING AND WRITING

Keeping up with reading and writing skills over the summer is key to maintaining learning throughout the year — so pay special attention to these creative learning activities.

1. **Read aloud each day:** Even if it's poolside, listen to your child read aloud every day.
2. **Buddy up:** Pick out books for your kids to read together with their friends for fun and a shared experience.
3. **Email friends and family:** Have kids write to friends and family over email to keep in touch while also keeping up with their writing practice.
4. **Read everywhere:** Read street signs, billboards, and anything else you can find while you're on the go this summer.

PLACES TO GO

Going out and getting active is a great way to have fun and learn this summer.

1. **Camping:** Camping offers an excellent opportunity for discussing nature and the world around you.
2. **Go on tours:** Whether it's a chocolate factory or a glassblowing studio, take advantage of tours so kids can learn how everyday items are made.
3. **Visit a zoo:** Spend a day at the zoo and watch your kids' eyes light up when they spy their favorite creatures. Take a trip to your local zoo, or pick one of the top zoos for kids.

AT HOME

Try these ideas on summer days when you're sticking around the house.

1. **Count money when playing Monopoly:** A family game time with Monopoly can turn into a math lesson when kids act as the banker.
2. **Play in the rain:** Mother Nature will inevitably rain on a few of your summer days. Make the most of it by having a dance party - outside!
3. **Plant a garden:** Teach kids about nutrition and growth with a summer garden.

WEBSITES

Use these websites to have fun learning this summer.

1. **Kids Off the Couch:** Get a weekly newsletter with great ideas for getting kids out and learning for the summer and throughout the year.
2. **Thinkfinity:** Thinkfinity has fun games and learning activities for year round learning.
3. **Smithsonian Kids Collecting:** Kids can start a collection over the summer with the Smithsonian's program.

ACTIVITIES

These are just a handful of the fun learning activities you can try this summer.

1. **Public library incentive programs:** Public libraries often have interactive programs for students over the summer.
2. **Build a robot:** Find cool and kid-friendly robot projects to take on over the summer.
3. **Make grocery store visits educational:** Think about the grocery store as a great place to practice math skills.
4. **Map out your trip:** Involve your children in vacation planning by helping them create a map for your trip.

To read the full article go to:

<https://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2012/07/04/74-creative-ways-to-stop-summer-brain-drain/>